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Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2000-2001

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 2000-2001, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 2000-2001 is considered by the Committee.

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Annex

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2000-2001[a]

2000

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council[b]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.41)

Item 2
Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours (General Assembly resolution 53/171)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36)

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36)

(b) Commodities

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 53/174)

(c) External debt crisis and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the external debt crisis and development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2)

(d) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on science and technology for development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.48)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the coordination of mechanisms on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.48)[c]

(e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.38)

Item 3
Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 53/177)

(b) Business and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions (General Assembly resolution 53/176) and on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.35

Item 4
Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the preparations for the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 53/24)

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an update of document A/54/389 (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.63)

Report of the Secretary-General containing a draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.63)[c]

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/181 and 53/179)

(c) Cultural development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on cultural development (General Assembly resolution 53/184)

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening economic cooperation for development through partnership

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the high-level dialogue on strengthening economic cooperation for development through partnership (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.45)

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.66)

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.66)[c]

Report of the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.33)

Item 5
Environment and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.43)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing complementarities among international instruments related to environment and sustainable development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.59)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 by the regional commissions and the relevant functional commissions of the Council (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.58)

(Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on activities contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.58))*

Report of the Secretary-General on measures undertaken in the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.51 on the conservation and sustainable development of Central African forest ecosystems (General Assembly resolution 53/188 and draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.58)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of ensuring effective preparations for the 10-year review of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 53/188 and draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.58)

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the work of the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182 and draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.55 and A/C.2/54/L.58)

(c) Water supply and sanitation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 50/126 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/47)[c]

* The General Assembly, in operative paragraph 11 (c) of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.58, invited the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to submit its views to the Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.50)

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.60)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.58 and A/C.2/54/L.62)

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.61)

(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the functioning of the institutional linkage of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to the United Nations (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.54)

Item 6
Operational activities for development

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Item 7
Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII) and Assembly decision 52/450)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 53/194)

United Nations Staff College in Turin

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Staff College in Turin (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.42)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.46)

Item 8
Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/53 and draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.32)[c]

Item 9
Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3)

Item 10
Globalization and interdependence

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on collaboration between the United Nations, the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19)

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken in the area of information and communication technology (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19)

Item 11
International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the International Conference on Financing for Development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25)

Item 12
Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39)

2001[d]

Item 1
Report of the Economic and Social Council[e]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the five-year assessment of the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225 (Assembly resolution 53/201)[e]

Item 2
Macroeconomic policy questions

Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.40)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.56)

Item 3
Sectoral policy questions

(a) Business and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on business and development (General Assembly resolution 48/180 and draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.34)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.64)

Item 4
Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162)[c]

(b) Women in development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.52)

(c) Human resources development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.57)

Item 5
Environment and sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229)[c]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[c]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its ninth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 53/188)[c]

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the international strategy for disaster reduction (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.44)[c]

Item 6
Operational activities for development

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 53/192)[c]

Addendum to the above report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in the field of operational activities (General Assembly resolution 53/192)[c]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[c]

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation and on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 50/119 and 52/205 and draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.47)

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.49)

Item 7
International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.53)

Notes

[a] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[b] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2000.

[c] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

[d] The programme of work and documentation list for 2001 will be updated in 2000, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

[e] The list of questions and documentation under this item is indicative only of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2001.